

**CITY OF MONTEREY PARK
AND THE CITY COUNCIL ACTING ON BEHALF OF THE SUCCESSOR AGENCY
OF THE FORMER MONTEREY PARK REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
AGENDA**

SPECIAL MEETING

**Wednesday
April 15, 2015
6:55 P.M.**

MONTEREY PARK CITY HALL COUNCIL CHAMBERS

320 W. Newmark Avenue, Monterey Park, CA 91754

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to enhance the quality of life for our entire community.**

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CALL TO ORDER Mayor

ROLL CALL Peter Chan, Mitchell Ing, Stephen Lam, Hans Liang, and Teresa Real Sebastian

AGENDA ADDITIONS, DELETIONS, CHANGES AND ADOPTIONS

ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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CONSENT CALENDAR -- ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

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Consent Calendar – Approval By Minute Motion

[3.] CITY OF MONTEREY PARK

CONSENT CALENDAR ITEM 3-A

3-A. A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK SUPPORTING EARTH DAY 2015

It is recommended that the City Council

- (1) Adopt a Resolution supporting Earth Day 2015; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

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City Council Staff Report

DATE: April 15, 2015

AGENDA ITEM NO: Consent Calendar
Agenda Item 3-A.

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Paul L. Talbot, City Manager

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
MONTEREY PARK SUPPORTING EARTH DAY 2015**

RECOMMENDATION:

Recommendations: It is recommended that the City Council:

- (1) Adopt a Resolution supporting Earth Day 2015; and
- (2) Take such additional, related, action that may be desirable.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year. Earth Day Network's year-round mission is to broaden, diversify and activate the environmental movement worldwide, through a combination of education, public policy, and consumer campaigns. Residents can reduce their imprint on the Earth by supporting environmental education, reducing their energy consumption and being aware of the impacts our actions affects our planet for generations to come.

BACKGROUND:

In 1969 at a UNESCO Conference in San Francisco, peace activist John McConnell proposed a day to honor the Earth and the concept of peace, to first be celebrated on March 21, 1970, the first day of spring in the northern hemisphere. This day of nature's balance state was later sanctioned in a Proclamation written by McConnell and signed by Secretary General U. Thant at the United Nations. A month later, a separate Earth Day was founded by United States Senator Gaylord Nelson as an environmental teach-in first held on April 22, 1970. Senator Nelson was later awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom Award in recognition of his work. While this April 22 Earth Day was focused on the United States, an organization launched by Denis Hayes, who was the original national coordinator in 1970, took it international in 1990 and organized events in 141 nations.

Senator Nelson chose the date in order to maximize participation from college students for what he called an "environmental teach-in." He thought the week of April 19-25 was

the best as it did not fall during exams or spring breaks and did not conflict with religious holidays such as Easter or Passover plus it was late enough in spring to have decent weather. More students were likely to be in class, and there would be less competition with other mid-week events so he chose Wednesday, April 22, which is also the anniversary of the birth of renowned conservationist John Muir.

In 2014, President Obama addressed the New York City Climate Summit and stated "Let's make 2015 the year when our world leaders pay attention and answer our call." He was referring to the recognition of disastrous implications of climate change and how we need to deal with the issues now to protect the future of the environment.

Nearly half of all greenhouse gas emissions in the United States are generated from the energy we use to power our homes and cars. There are a lot we can do as individuals to reduce our imprint. We can wash laundry in cold water, utilizing the machines during non-peak hours; riding a bike instead of driving, car-pooling, or public transportation; volunteering with a community clean-up, recycle and avoid plastics by using reusable items such as shopping bags; larger businesses can plant trees, complete large-scale light bulb changes, and workplace renewable energy retrofits.

Respectfully submitted and approved by,



Paul L. Talbot
City Manager

Prepared by:



Vickie Banando
Secretary to the City Manager

Attachment 1 - Resolution:

ATTACHMENT 1

Resolution

RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MONTEREY PARK, CALIFORNIA SUPPORTING EARTH DAY 2015

Section 1. The City Council finds and declares that:

- A. Earth Day is an annual event, celebrated on April 22nd, on which day events worldwide are held to demonstrate support for environmental protection. It was first celebrated in 1970, and is now coordinated globally by the Earth Day Network and celebrated in more than 192 countries each year.
- B. Urban population growth, high levels of consumption and economic development have created escalating demands on our natural resources, on a global and regional basis such as the current drought situation in California.
- C. These demands have an impact on our natural environment, community and the quality of our lives.
- D. The City of Monterey Park values a livable and sustainable community with clean water, clean air, and sound ecosystems that enhance community and economic health.
- E. The residents of Monterey Park have diverse international backgrounds and think globally about environmental, social and economic issues.
- F. The City of Monterey Park: has adopted policies to promote sustainable and healthy communities through Green Activities and the Climate Action Plan to reduce waste and pollution and promote recycling and economic and environmental efficiencies.
- G. The Monterey Park: Environmental Commission has been leading efforts to help residents and businesses save money and live healthier.
- H. Education and public awareness of the environment and of practices that promote a healthy community for the residents of Monterey Park is a high priority.

Section 2. The City Council further declares:

- A. EARTH DAY will be celebrated this year in Monterey Park on Saturday, April 18, 2015.
- B. That residents of our City are to promote environmentally friendly practices such as recycling, walking and biking to improve the

quality of life of all Monterey Park residents and to remind us of our mutual dependence on each other to sustain a livable EARTH.

Section 3. This Resolution takes effect immediately upon its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED this 15th day of April 2015.

Hans Liang
Mayor
Monterey Park, California

ATTEST:

Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
Monterey Park, California

State of California)
County of Los Angeles) ss.
City of Monterey Park)

I, Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk of the City of Monterey Park, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution No. _____ was duly and regularly adopted by the City Council of the City of Monterey Park at a meeting held on the 15th day of April 2015, by the following vote:

Ayes:
Noyes:
Absent:
Abstain:

Dated this 15th day of April 2015

Vincent D. Chang, City Clerk
Monterey Park, California